

## CONFERENCE HELD TO BOOM KERENS

Kansas City Republicans Alarmed  
at Attitude of Walter  
S. Dickey.

PLAIN TALK IS THE RESULT.

One of the Leaders Relates an  
Effort to Scare State Chair-  
man Niedringhaus Out  
of the Race.

"This is a commercial proposition, boys; you might as well be with us now as later. What is the use of this foolishness? You certainly have had enough experience to know what makes the mare go in Jefferson City. You may have the advantage now, but Tom Niedringhaus will not be able to land the plum."

So said a Republican who had attended a conference of Republican politicians at the St. Nicholas Hotel yesterday afternoon to a friend who was inclined to support State Chairman Niedringhaus for United States Senator. The conference lasted more than two hours, and was the result of a long-distance telephone call sent to Kansas City Saturday morning by a friend of former National Committeeman R. C. Kerens.

In the conference were, among others, "L.H." Morse of Excelsior Springs, John R. (Fire Alarm) Plangan and the following from Kansas City: Congressman E. C. Gilt, R. S. Brown Jr., chairman of the Jackson County Republican Committee; Homer R. Mann, speaker of the lower house; J. E. Goodrich, member of the Republican State Committee; Sam F. Scott, broker and former Postmaster, and Alvin J. F. Neff.

The conference was held in an effort to overcome the prospects of the Jackson County members declaring for State Chairman Niedringhaus. Walter S. Dickey, chairman of the Republican State Executive Committee, has been trying to keep independent of factional politics of late and has been considered a close political ally as well as personal friend of the State chairman. To him is due the credit for the shrewd move in having the Kansas City members declare for Major William Warner for the United States Senate, and given to him of preventing Kerens from capturing these same men.

Some of the friends of Kerens pretend to place his claims to the senatorship on anything but a selfish plane. One of the chief reasons for the present majority in the General Assembly was his absence from the campaign. The Republicans have not been able to control on joint ballot with Kerens in the field. This year he did absolutely nothing toward managing the campaign.

**SENDS CONVENIENT CHECKS.**  
But he did send convenient checks to nominees for the General Assembly. They ranged in sums from \$9 to \$300. Where he thought he was taking a big chance he sent only \$50. Some of the nominees received \$300 apiece. The character of the checks, as well as with the conditions in the county.

Two years ago, Kerens figured more prominently in the campaign. Although it cost him about \$50,000, he got only the minority nomination for the Senate out of the deal. The failure of Kerens in St. Louis, and the handling in Jackson County did much to undo his hopes.

Yesterday's conference was the beginning of this year's campaign for the majority nomination and election. The Kansas City crowd of politicians is very practical and look to results.

The fact that they are split on the senatorial nomination, with their leader in doubt, is the serious stumbling block in their road. When they went home last night, they were little the wiser for their trip, excepting that they had secured the St. Louis delegation pledged in caucus to Niedringhaus with reports coming in from the country regarding others constantly pledging themselves to him.

An effort is being made to have members select themselves openly on the situation. If the leaders of the Niedringhaus boom can head off the Kerens propaganda in this manner, they are not afraid of hungry legislators. They say that they are counting upon public sentiment and nothing else to carry them through. That done and they are confident that the result of the campaign will justify their attitude. They claim that the campaign to date has been conducted along clean lines and they propose to keep it so.

**URGES CONCILIATION.**  
Niedringhaus Begins to Keep Democrats Out for Two Years More.

Since the election and the big Republican landslide in this State, the managers of the campaign have been getting very busy in an effort to prevent any undue demonstration of power by excited partisans. In some cases the boasting of Republicans has served to make Democrats disgruntled.

State Chairman Thomas K. Niedringhaus is a wise enough politician to know this. In order to keep the party in shape so that it can again talk harmony to disgruntled Democrats, he has sent out a circular letter to the county chairmen. The letter is as follows:

My Dear Sir and Fellow Worker: Accept my hearty congratulations on the splendid work you and your committee have done in the campaign just closed. Republicans of the nation are applauding us. Let us remember, however, that this is not only an unparalleled victory; it is a triumph for the whole people. A moral has been derived from this great victory, as well as Republicans, should be credited with their share of the glory. Thank all our worthy Democratic neighbors and friends who have contributed directly or indirectly to this glorious result. Assume the mantle of responsibility to remember the Republican pledges to the people and give them good government as far as it is possible for our representation in the State administration to do so.

Above all, we should bear in mind constantly that the eyes of the whole people are upon us and we cannot afford to neglect to discharge our honest and moral obligations.

We have established a precedent and set up the standard of clean, capable men to represent the people in the administration of public affairs. The most serious enemies of our party and our people will sustain us. The Republican policy that we have brought to a brilliant and unexampled victory for the first time in thirty years in Missouri has impressed deeply our fellow citizens, and by then it will continue to be maintained.

"Good government" is a word which means capable public servants" is and should forever be the motto in Missouri.

Convey my sincere thanks and congratulations to all the members of your committee and their excellent corps of fellow workers. With best wishes, I am, yours truly,  
T. K. NIEDRINGHAUS  
Chairman Republican State Committee.

**TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.**  
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**LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.**  
Brooklyn celebrates to-morrow at the World's Fair.  
The new Christian Church at Union boulevard and Von Verden avenue was opened yesterday.

New Ruching  
Will Be Shown To-Day.  
Latest Novelties

Found in New York.  
Ruching for Neck and Sleeves

20c to \$3.00 Yd.

Elitia Corsets  
Exclusive for this store.  
From \$2.00 to \$7.50.

Firmness of figure, neatness of outline, ease of movement and grace of figure, characterize "Elitia" Corsets.

At \$2.00—Elitia "E," Batiste, for slender figures.

At \$3.50—Elitia "B," white figured Batiste, for medium figures.

At \$3.50—Elitia "C," pink and blue broche, for medium slender figures.

At \$3.50—Elitia "G," Coutil, for medium full figures.

At \$4.00—Elitia "H," Coutil, for full figures.

At \$5.00—Elitia "K," French Coutil, for full figures.

At \$5.00—Elitia "J," figured silk broche, for medium slender figure; pink or blue.

At \$5.00—Elitia "I," Italian cloth, for medium full figures.

We make a specialty of "Custom-Made Corsets," "Corset Alterations," "Corset Cleaning" and all "Corset Requisites."

Scruggs, Vandervoort & Barney  
BROADWAY - LOCUST - OLIVE

Silks for Shirt Waists.  
Peau de Cygne,  
In the new halflin stripe effect,  
on dark-colored ground,  
\$1.00 Yard.

Colored Nets.  
Evening Shades, with Lace Edges to Match.  
Nets, 42 inches wide,  
\$2.50 to \$3.50  
Edges at 50c to 85c yard.

Lace Blouse Waists.  
New Assortment,  
In Latest Winter Designs,  
\$35 to \$60.

## A Big Ribbon Sale To-Day

More Than Six Thousand Yards of All-Silk Ribbons Bought to Sell at Less Than Half.

Don't miss this Ribbon Sale if you appreciate big values. We have purchased what we consider the biggest bargains in ribbons offered this season. Good styles, good colors, and qualities unsurpassed at equal price.

All-Silk Chiffon Satin and Taffeta Dresden; the latter are 4 1/4 inches wide; the former 5 inches wide. Also double-faced Panne Velvet Ribbons, some with moire back.

Chiffon Satin Ribbons;  
colors, white, pink, blue,  
Nile, turquoise, burnt  
orange, reseda, navy and  
black, also brown;

Taffeta Dresden Ribbons,  
satin and cord edges of  
dark blue, lavender, Nile,  
pink, white, blue; also  
solid pink ground;

Worth 60c and 75c a yard; on sale to-day in the Ribbon Section,  
first floor.

29c Yard

Winter Display  
of New Models in  
Reception Hats and Bonnets.

Also  
Some New Very Smart  
Styles in  
Street Shapes.

Our buyer has just returned from the East, and brings many novelties, to be shown for the first time to-day.

Silk Petticoats  
We give exceptional values in Silk Petticoats, and especially to-day in the lots quoted below.

At \$5.00—Two excellent styles of the S. V. & B. specials, accordion-pleated flounce, with ruching or tucked foot ruffles.

At \$11.75—Novelty Plaid Silk Petticoats, fine grade of silk, full accordion-pleated flounce, with ruche.

At \$16.50—Imported French Petticoats for evening or negligee wear; of heavy satin brocade, with accordion taffetas, flounce, trimmed with lace insertions; colors pink, light blue, corn color.

## Prices Reduced On The Costumes Late From Paris

Beginning this morning new prices go into effect on all the Imported Costumes and Manteaux not previously sold. These Costumes were imported direct by us the latter part of September. This Winter's styles; many of them indications of what will be worn next Spring. All reduced to about one-quarter regular values. Same models as displayed in our Grand Exhibit of Parisian Fashions.

Mahogany Broadcloth and Velvet Dinner Gown by Doucet, worth \$125.00; reduced to \$150.00.

Brown Chiffon Velvet Afternoon Gown, by Doucet, worth \$450.00; reduced to \$175.00.

Red Broadcloth Street Gown, by Beer, worth \$500.00; reduced to \$175.00.

Gray Broadcloth and Velvet Calling Gowns, by Paquin, worth \$600.00; reduced to \$200.00.

Hunter's Green Broadcloth Calling Gowns, by Beer, worth \$350.00; reduced to \$125.00.

Olive-Green Broadcloth Calling Gown, by Paquin, worth \$400.00; reduced to \$150.00.

Broadcloth Afternoon Gown, by Beer, worth \$400.00; reduced to \$150.00.

Brown Broadcloth Street Gown, by Doucet, worth \$400.00; reduced to \$125.00.

Black Silk Velvet Manteau, trimmed with Chinchilla, by Paquin, worth \$750.00; reduced to \$225.00.

White Broadcloth Evening Manteau, by Wallis, worth \$725.00; reduced to \$350.00.

White Panne Satin Lace Evening Manteau, worth \$325.00; reduced to \$250.00.

Yellow Chiffon Evening Gown, by Agnes, worth \$400.00; reduced to \$150.00.

Gray Bengaline Evening Coat, by Wallis, worth \$400.00; reduced to \$150.00.

Gray Chiffon and Velvet Evening Manteau, trimmed with beaver, by Doucet, worth \$450.00; reduced to \$150.00.

Navy Blue Faille Silk Dinner Gown, by Paquin, worth \$625.00; reduced to \$200.00.

Ball Gown, by Wallis, worth \$600.00; reduced to \$200.00.

Ball Gown of Silk and Lace, by Beer, worth \$750.00; reduced to \$250.00.

White Satin Ball Gown, by Agnes, worth \$425.00; reduced to \$150.00.

New Lace Robes

Richly Designed,  
Made of Renaissance and  
Arabian Lace.

\$8.50 to \$45.00

Scruggs, Vandervoort & Barney  
BROADWAY - LOCUST - OLIVE

## Most Interesting Displays To-Day of New French Handmade Lingerie

Large shipments of fine French Underwear have been arriving during the past week and will be ready for sale to-day. The same values as those we offer in our January sales. The economical time to buy. We selected the following items as most important. Many styles shown for first time.

**Drawers**

Ranging from 98c to \$18.50.

At 98c—Drawers of French Percale, with hand tucks, 2 briars and hand-scalloped ruffles.

At \$1.45—Drawers of French Longcloth, with nainsook ruffles, hand scalloped and hand briar.

At \$1.89—Drawers of French Cambric, umbrella ruffle, hand briar, fancy hand scallops, with seven French dots in each ruffle.

At \$2.25—Drawers of French Nainsook, exceptional value, open at knee with ribbon bow, umbrella ruffle, hand embroidered and trimmed with Val lace and insertion.

**Chemises**

Ranging from \$1.00 to \$18.00.

At \$1.00—French Percale Chemise, neat, hand-scalloped spray across the bust, finished with hand scallops and French dots.

At \$1.25—Open-Front Chemise, an excellent value, yoke with fine tucks, hand-scalloped neck, arms eyes and front band.

At \$1.50—French Nainsook Chemise, hand eyelets and hand scallops.

At \$2.00—French Nainsook Chemise, dainty spray across bust of English embroidery, hand eyelets and ribbon heading.

**Night Gowns**

Ranging from \$1.89 to \$35.00.

At \$1.89—French Percale Night Gowns, hand tucked, hand embroidered front band, turndown collar and cuffs.

At \$2.50—French Percale Night Gowns, hand-tucked yoke, tucked turnover collar and cuffs, hand-scalloped wreath design in collar, and embroidered front band.

At \$3.25—French Cambric Night Gowns, yoke of fine hand tucks, hand briars and French dots, hand-hemstitched front band, collar and cuffs, embroidered spray in collar.

At \$4.50—French Nainsook Night Gowns, slipover style, fine hand-scalloped neck and kimono sleeves; embroidered spray in bust; wide hand eyelets drawn with wash ribbon.

**Corset Covers**

Ranging from \$1.50 to \$16.50.

At \$1.50—French Nainsook Corset Covers, full French style, hand scallops, hand tucks in back.

At \$2.25—French Longcloth Corset Covers, fine hand embroidered, star designs across bust, hand scallops, hand eyelets, drawn with ribbon.

At \$3.25—French Nainsook Corset Covers, elaborately embroidered, hand scallop, ribbon eyelets, tucked back.

At \$4.00—French Nainsook, excellent value, fine hand embroidered, ribbon eyelets and scallops, trimmed with fine French Val lace; tucked back.

**Knee Skirts**

Ranging from \$1.48 to \$8.50.

At \$1.48—French Percale, firmly embroidered, hand scallop and hand tucks.

At \$2.25—French Nainsook, excellent value, with hand tucks and fine hand scallops.

At \$2.48—With hand tucks and hand briar and embroidery designs in scallops.

\$5.00 Winter Waists \$2.50

Of Nun's Veiling and Albatross.  
Various Designs and Colors.  
Worth \$5.00 each.

\$2.50

## FATAL SHOOTING AT CLOSE RANGE

Fred Stiermann's Shirt Front  
Afire From Powder After  
Quarrel in Saloon.

DELL MURPHY IS SOUGHT.

Alleged Slayer Is Said to Have  
Defied His Adversary to  
Strike Him—Escapes  
on Street Car.

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## STABBED AFTER WORDS OVER CARDS

William Hogan of No. 2018 Mul-  
lanphy Street Dies at  
Hospital.

JOHN DANIELS IS ARRESTED.

Accused Is Fifty Years Old, and  
Is Said to Have Made At-  
tack in Front of Sa-  
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## STANDARD OIL TO CONTROL ALL THE GREAT RAILROADS? DEAL OF \$8,000,000,000.

Merger of All the Great Systems in the United States Is Headed  
by the Rockefeller Interests and a Dozen Eastern Capitalists—  
Plans Provide for an Ingenious Economical Management—  
Rates Are to Be Kept as High as the Traffic Will Stand—Com-  
bined Railways Will Be Divided Into Groups.

THE BOARDS OF THE TRUST WILL CONTROL 160,000 MILES.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 12.—Details are being worked out rapidly for the formation of a gigantic railroad trust beside which all the other great trusts heretofore organized in this country will dwindle into insignificance.

A dozen Eastern financiers, headed by the Standard Oil interests, with their unlimited wealth, expect to control the entire railroad system in the country and prevent competition among the various roads.

The plan is to divide the railroads of the country into a few groups or systems, each one of which is to own a substantial interest in the stocks and securities of every other big group or system, and all to have representation on each other's Board of Directors.

The dozen financiers, all represented on the boards of various roads, will control from present appearances, over 150,000 miles of railroads, including every important trunk line in the country, representing a capitalization of about eight billions of dollars in stocks and bonds.

They will see to it that the roads are managed as economically as possible, and the rates kept up to as high a figure as the traffic will bear, in order to secure all the revenue necessary to pay good dividends on the enormous capitalization.

The recouping of systems, which has been going on for some time, has not yet been completed, but from present indications the Western roads will be divided into about six systems, the Eastern into three or four, with Southern and

## RAILROADS INCLUDED IN CONSOLIDATION SCHEME.

WESTERN LINES.

System. Miles. Capitalization.  
Harriman ..... 22,230 \$1,234,000,000  
Gould ..... 14,700 647,000,000  
Hill ..... 19,700 754,000,000  
Moore ..... 19,407 752,000,000  
Santa Fe ..... 8,724 475,000,000  
Rockefeller ..... 11,255 610,000,000  
Total ..... 95,104 \$4,455,000,000

EASTERN LINES.

System. Miles. Capitalization.  
Pennsylvania ..... 30,138 \$1,442,000,000  
Vanderbilt ..... 30,453 \$1,147,000,000  
Erie-C. & H. & D. ..... 4,563 474,000,000  
Total ..... 65,154 \$3,063,000,000

SOUTHERN LINES.

System. Miles. Capitalization.  
J. P. Morgan ..... 18,879 \$327,500,000  
New England Lines.

System. Miles. Capitalization.  
New Haven and Hartford and N. Y. & W. ..... 2,719 494,500,000  
Total ..... 45,583 \$2,065,000,000

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Total ..... 208,560 \$10,077,000,000

Total mileage all roads in the country, 307,600; total capitalization, \$14,852,000,000.

been made lately for the construction of a new road, to be known as the Western Pacific, in which the Goulds are largely interested, and which is expected to furnish them with the desired outlet from Salt Lake City to San Francisco.

The Western Pacific, if carried to completion, will become a direct rival of the Southern Pacific as a trunk line to the Pacific Coast. The capitalization of the Western Pacific is as follows:

Stock paid up \$1,500,000 ..... \$10,000,000  
Bonds (thirty-year, 5 per cent.) ..... 20,000,000  
Total ..... \$30,000,000

THE VANDERBILTS' PART.  
The Vanderbilt system is the only one in the East that extends into territory west of Chicago and the Mississippi, just as the Gould system is the only Western one that has gone to Eastern territory.

The Vanderbilts, however, unlike Mr. Gould, are making no effort to extend the

## Northwestern to the Pacific Coast, but are content with the traffic alliance the road has with Harriman's Union and Southern Pacific roads.

Through the Chicago and Northwestern is a Vanderbilt property, yet scrupulous care has been taken not to have it closed.

Identified with the Vanderbilt roads east of Chicago, and it exchanges traffic with all of its Eastern connections on the same terms as it does with them.

**STANDARD OIL ASCENDENCY.**  
Nearly all the changes thus far made in the reorganizing of the Western and Eastern railroad systems suggest Standard Oil control of railroads to an extent that no other single interest has ever thought of undertaking before. Changes in the directories of the various trunk railroads are being watched with great interest, because it is believed that they foreshadow complete ascendancy of the Standard Oil interests in most of the important railroad systems of the country, and the elimination to a great extent, of the power heretofore wielded by J. Pierpont Morgan.

Within the last two or three years the Rockefeller interests have obtained a foothold in the New York Central, New Haven and Hartford, Chicago and Northwestern and the Union Pacific.

The Moore brothers in their Rock Island deals are said to be aided by the Rockefeller interests. The Standard Oil interests control the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, the heavily interested in Gould's Missouri Pacific and the latter all roads in the West, said to have acquired lately 200,000 shares of Atchafalaya, Topeka and Santa Fe stock from Kuhn, Loeb & Co.

**HANDWRITING OF FAMOUS OUTLAW.**  
Road Signed by "Rob Roy" On View in Burns Cottage.

Readers of Scott's novels may see the handwriting of one of the novelist's most famous subjects. In the list of rare and unique Scotch manuscripts now on exhibition in the Burns Cottage is a document penned and signed by the great Scotch outlaw, "Rob Roy" Macgregor.

The manuscript is a page long, written in ink that has lost its color fairly well, but on paper that is now thin and yellow with age. The date is February 21, 1706. The document is a bond for "Lob Macgregor" of one of the very instruments that the Macgregors were always very willing to sign, but hardly ever used, and it was one of the many which finally resulted in his outlawing.

The bond is signed in a very fair cursive, with the signature "Rob Campbell," which was the signature always affixed by the Scotch outlaw, who was of the clan Campbell.

Always Remember the Full Name  
Leavitt Bromo Quinine  
Cure Cold in One Day, Grip in 2 Days  
E. W. Brown on every box 25c